that his dictatorial attitude and monopolising of power, affronted his colleagues. Marshal Tuan, Tsao Kun and other Northern militarists joined In a punitive expedition. On July 12, 1917, twelve days after the Restoration, General Chang was decisively defeated, and sought asylum in the Netherlands Legation. President **Li,** who had taken refuge in the Legation Quarter after the *coup,* refused to resume office, and General Feng Kuo-chang, the Vice-President, who succeeded him, reappointed Marshal Tuan as Premier. On August 14, a Mandate was issued declaring war on the Central Powers.

In the meantime an independent Government **'had** been constituted in Canton. For a description of Its formation and activities the reader must be referred to the following Chapter.